data supply control means, coupled to said interface means and said printer portion, for supplying the recording data from said interface means to said printing portion at predetermined printing intervals, wherein said data supply control means comprises:

input means for inputting a predetermined character data at the predetermined printing intervals;

gate means for gating the recording data from said interface means so that the recording data is supplied to said printing portion when the predetermined character data is supplied thereto from said input means; and

signal output means for outputting a control signal when said input means inputs the predetermined character data, the control signal being supplied to said interface means, and said interface means supplying the recording data to said printer unit every time said interface means receives the control signal.--

Claim 4, line 1, change "3" to --1--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "3" to --1--.

--11. (Amended) A facsimile machine comprising:

a printer unit printing out data supplied thereto; and

an interface, coupled to said printer unit supplying recording data to said printer unit in a converted format in which said printer unit can receive the recording data;

wherein said printer unit comprises:

a printing portion printing the recording data; and

a data supply controller, coupled to said interface and said printer portion, supplying the recording data from said interface to said printing portion at predetermined printing intervals, wherein said data supply controller comprises:

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an input receiving a predetermined character data at the predetermined printing intervals;

a gate gating the recording data so that the recording data from said interface is supplied to said printing portion when the predetermined character data is supplied thereto from said input; and

a signal output outputting a control signal when said input inputs the predetermined character data, the control signal being supplied to said interface, and said interface supplying the recording data to said printer unit every time said interface receives the control signal.--

Claim 14, line 1, change "13," to --11,--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "13," to --11,--.

--32. (Amended) A method for driving a facsimile machine including a printer unit for printing out data having a predetermined format, comprising the steps of:

converting facsimile image data into recording data having a format in which said printer unit can receive the recording data;

supplying the recording data to said printing unit at predetermined printing intervals; and

printing the recording data with said printing unit;

wherein said step of supplying the recording data includes the substeps of:

inputting a predetermined character data at the predetermined printing intervals;

gating the recording data so that the recording data is supplied to said printing unit when the predetermined character data is supplied thereto from said inputting step; and

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outputting a control signal when said inputting step inputs the predetermined character data, said step of supplying the recording data to the printer unit being based on said control signal.--

Claim 35, line 1, change "claim 34" to --claim 32--.

Claim 38, line 1, change "claim 34" to --claim 32--.

Please add new Claims 47-52 as follows:

--47. A facsimile device comprising:

a modem unit which receives facsimile data from a public communication line;

a printer interface unit which serves as an interface for printing the facsimile data;

an external connector which receives character codes from an exterior of said facsimile device; and

a printer unit, wherein said printer unit includes:

a printing portion for printing images;

a font memory which stores therein font data;

a controller unit which controls the font memory,

a gate unit which receives the font data corresponding to the character codes from said controller unit, and supplies the font data corresponding to the character codes to said printing portion when said printer unit prints images of the character codes, wherein said gate unit receives all black font data from said controller unit and the facsimile data from said printer interface unit, and supplies a logical AND of the all black font data and the facsimile data to said printing portion when said printer unit prints images of the facsimile data.

48. A facsimile device as claimed in Claim 47, wherein said printer unit and said printer interface unit are coupled to each other based on a centronics interface specification.

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49. A facsimile device as claimed in Claim 48, wherein said gate unit receives the facsimile data from said printer interface unit in synchronization with a pulse signal indicative of supplying the all black font data.

50. A method for driving a facsimile device including a modem unit which receives facsimile data from a public communication line, a printer interface unit which serves as an interface for printing the facsimile data, an external connector which receives character codes from an exterior of said facsimile device and a printer unit, wherein the printer unit includes a printing portion for printing images, a font memory which stores therein font data, a controller unit which controls the font memory, and a gate unit, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, at the gate unit, facsimile data from the printer interface and font data corresponding to received character codes from said controller unit;

supplying from the gate unit, the font data corresponding to the character codes to the printing portion when the printer unit prints images of the character codes,

wherein in the receiving step the gate unit receives all black font data from said controller unit and the facsimile data from the printer interface unit, and

wherein in the supplying step the gate unit supplies a logical AND of the all black font data and the facsimile data to the printing portion when the printer unit prints images of the facsimile data.

51. A method as claimed in Claim 50, wherein said printer unit and said printer interface unit are coupled to each other based on a centronics interface specification.

52. A method as claimed in Claim 50, wherein in said receiving step the gate unit receives the facsimile data from said printer interface unit in synchronization with a pulse signal indicative of supplying the all black font data in said supplying step.--